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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON VISIT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE (COE)  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. COE SECRETARY-GENERAL, GEORG KAHN-ACKERMANN, VISITED WASHINGTON MARCH 20-21 AND MET WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHERS. HE HAD HIS ANNUAL MEETING WITH UNSYG WALDHEIM IN NEW YORK ON MARCH 22. WASHINGTON MEETINGS WERE USEFUL IN UNDERSCORING DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST IN COE ACTIVITIES AND OUR DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL.

2. ON MARCH 20, KAHN-ACKERMANN MET WITH SEVERAL DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING. WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HELMAN (IO) HE DISCUSSED COUNCIL EFFORTS TO ASSIST COORDINATION OF UN POSITIONS AMONG THE 20 COE MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMBATING TERRORISM; UNESCO INFORMATION POLICY AND THE RIGHTS OF JOURNALISTS; THE POLITICIZATION OF SPORT ACTIVITIES; LEBANON; BELGRADE AND PROSPECTS FOR MADRID CSCE MEETINGS; AND MALTA (KAHN-ACKERMANN NOTED MALTA WILL TAKE OVER CHAIRMANSHIP OF COE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AT THE END OF APRIL).

ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN (HA) HOSTED A LUNCHEON FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, AT WHICH A VARIETY OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
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ISSUES, INCLUDING COE ACTIVITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CLEARING HOUSE FOR INFORMATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WAS DISCUSSED. ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST (EUR) DISCUSSED OUR DESIRE FOR A CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL AND OUR APPRECIATION OF ITS ACTIVITIES; HUMAN RIGHTS AND CSCE; PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR ROLE IN THE COUNCIL; TURKEY AND CYPRUS; AND EUROPEAN PUBLIC OPINION REGARDING US ECONOMIC POLICIES. AMBASSADOR ISHAM (M/CT) REVIEWED WITH KAHN-ACKERMANN THE STATUS OF THE COE CONVENTION ON EXTRADITION OF TERRORISTS (THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID THAT THE CONVENTION SHOULD COME INTO EFFECT WITHIN THE COE AREA BY THE END OF MAY), AND THE AMBASSADOR AGREED THAT THE CONVENTION WAS A VERY USEFUL CONTRIBUTION; THE TWO DISCUSSED POSSIBLE UN DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA, AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE COUNCIL MIGHT WISH TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE ATTITUDE OF EDUCATED BUT DISAFFECTED EUROPEAN YOUTH TOWARD TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. KAHN-ACKERMANN ALSO MET ON THE HILL WITH CONGRESSMAN DODD (R, CONN), WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED COE MEETINGS; THE CONGRESSMAN EXPRESSED SOME HOPE HE COULD ATTEND THE COE ASSEMBLY'S CSCE DEBATE IN LATE APRIL, POINTED OUT THE TIMING DIFFICULTIES FOR SIGNIFICANT CONGRES-

SIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE ASSEMBLY'S ANNUAL OECD DEBATE IN THE EARLY FALL OF 1978, AND SAID HE THOUGHT A WASHINGTON VISIT BY THE ASSEMBLY'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN LATE JANUARY 1979 WOULD BE WELCOME.

3. ON MARCH 21, FOLLOWING A PERSONAL MEETING WITH HENRY KISSINGER, KAHN-ACKERMANN MET WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BARBOUR (EUR) FOR A DISCUSSION OF MEDITERRANEAN DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING SPAIN, PORTUGAL, AND MALTA. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ATTENDED AN FRG EMBASSY LUNCHEON FOR KAHN-ACKERMANN. HE MET ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ FOR A DISCUSSION OF COE PERSPECTIVES ON CYPRUS, GREECE AND TURKEY; WESTERN EUROPEAN ATTITUDES TOWARD DOMESTIC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS; AND KAHN-UNCLASSIFIED

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ACKERMANN'S VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN FRANCE, ITALY, AND THE FRG. VANCE

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